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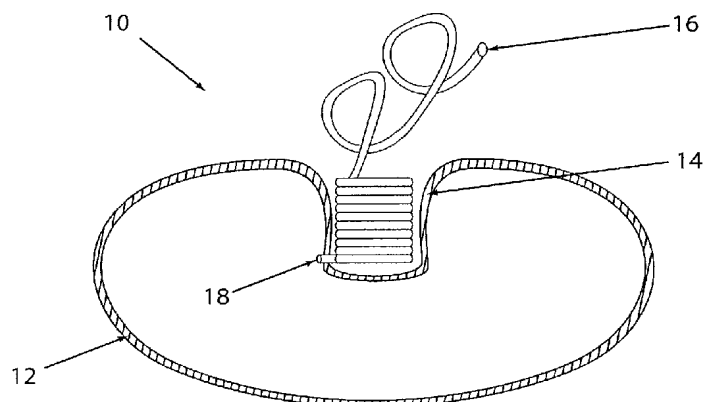
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(57) Abstract: A gastric balloon (10) and method of adding and removing fluid therefrom are disclosed. The gastric balloon (10) includes a shell (12), a receiver (14), and a retractable tubing (16) housed in the receiver (14) and extendable from the stomach of a patient to the mouth of the patient. The shell (12) is inflated and deflated from outside the body of the patient. The method of adding or removing fluid from the implanted gastric balloon (10) includes steps of inserting a gastroscopic tool into the stomach of a patient and grasping an end of a retractable tubing housed (16) in a receiver (14) of the gastric balloon (10). Further steps of the method include withdrawing at least a portion of the retractable tubing (16) from the stomach and out of a patient's mouth and adding or removing fluid from the gastric balloon (10) via the retractable tubing (16) withdrawn from the patient.



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